

Any attempt to subvert the traditional 'Fair Use' rule should be rejected. In the long run, it will be conterproductive to the growth of the digital medium. No abilty to timeshift etc will make the medium a rich man's ghetto. A technological dead-end that will be shortly bypassed by the equivalent of the cheap foreign import. Will end up a Betamax, an Elcassette, an OS2, an Edsel...get the picture??? In short a waste of time, money, an energy for all concerned.

Let's face it, nearly all of us pay subscription fees to view this programming, whether it be by cable fees, satellite subscriptions or the advertised products we puchase (we also pay a price in the endless advertising we're forced to endure - an agony beyond belief).

We should have to ability to do with it as we choose after receiving it, whether it be archiving, time-shifting or any other usage that is commonly employed with today's VCRs etc.

If the vested interests that now threaten not to employ it, well to them I would respond: Suit yourself, the technology has arrived, if you don't, somebody will. And then you'll be the buggy whip manufacturers of the 21st century. An evolutionary deadend.

Just sign me, one of the vast majority who say NO SALE!!

No Flag in the HDTV transmissions, Period.